

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the instant application is respectfully requested. The present submission is responsive to the Office Action of March 23, 2005, in which claims 1-23 are presently pending. Of those, claims 18-23 have now been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 5,286,340 to Yates, Jr., et al. However, claims 1-10 and 12-17 have been allowed over the art of record. For the following reasons, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance.

The instant amendment cancels claims 18-23. Since no new issues are raised herein, the amendment is therefore in compliance with 37 CFR 1.116(b). As such, Applicants respectfully request entry of the same.

For the above stated reasons, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is now in condition for allowance. No new matter has been entered and no additional fees are believed to be required. However, if any fees are due with respect to this Amendment, please charge them to Deposit Account No. 06-1130 maintained by Applicants' attorneys.

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